

"Out at the old lady's," Aug 30<sup>th</sup>

I've left Anna and Mr. Colburn in  
the parlour deeply interested in a  
game of chess, of course they can  
do nothing for my company now, as  
if you'll excuse my pencil (or  
rather Soccie's) I'll talk to you,  
the old lady is walking round  
from room to room, as if she  
did not know what to do with  
herself, poor old thing. Bill talks  
to his tomorrow. I came out here  
yesterday afternoon, and there  
is no telling when Bill returns  
home, unless I'll be there by  
Sunday night, however. Quite  
Charlie brought me a letter  
from you this morning, and  
I feel very much from its  
tone that you will not come  
down Saturday night, you see

~~2~~ - ~~miss~~ is my darling  
you have spoiled me already,  
Mr. Mitchell, I expect you every  
week, the pictures will be a  
comfort, however, shall be  
terribly disappointed if I do not  
receive the picture or are you either you  
sending it is almost proof to  
me that you are not coming  
for I insisted on it this week  
in case you did not come, for  
I felt that it would in great  
measure console me for your  
absence. The old lady held out  
her hand for the letter as soon  
as I finished reading it, said  
she would enjoy a perusal of  
it, but I declined the pleasure  
would not have her see it for  
the world. Annie W & S. has  
been with me all day and will  
remain all night, she was very  
sorry she did not see you  
last Sunday, says she will

imagine my sorrow - my wish  
stay at home the next time, she  
would send her love if she knew  
I were writing to you. I played  
two games with Mr. Collins since  
supper, but he beat me all to  
pieces, I wished you you more  
than once to help me out of my  
difficulties, he told me that I  
had better call in the express  
company as I needed help. And  
you have not seen Sister yet -  
she wrote me the other day, that  
she had seen nothing of my  
father's Lord and Massey as  
yet, guess she thinks you do not  
care much for your father's  
kin, you must treat her better  
if you would have her consent  
to the relationship. Yes - I put  
the little notes on the envelope,  
guess you think I am more  
endearing on the outside of the  
letter than on the inside, it was so

small a matter I did not expect  
you to see it; do you wish to  
return it now since informed  
that "Some body else" did not send  
it. Anna and Bro. Belin have  
finished their game so I must  
finish my letter, Anna is waiting  
for me; you'll excuse the hastily  
written sheet I know, will write  
again tomorrow night if you say  
you are not coming this week.  
I don't go to Columbus if you  
can avoid it, Astoria is at  
convenient distance, you can  
run down to see us whenever  
you choose, but there is no telling  
when I should see <sup>you</sup> if you went  
to Columbus - that city is too far  
off for visiting purposes. Good  
night. I love you dearly if  
I don't include in enclosing names,  
leave such as that for you to do.  
Affectionately  
P.C.